

Thanksgiving Day feast to be served

After a dozen and a half years, the torch for organizing, preparing and serving the Crawford AuSable Community Thanksgiving Day Dinner is being passed.

The 18th Crawford AuSable Community Thanksgiving Dinner will be served from noon to 2 p.m. on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 24 at the Camp Grayling Army Airfield Mess Hall. The mess hall is located off of Old U.S. 27 across from Ferrell Gas.

Therese and Skip Kaiser started the community dinner at the St. John's Lutheran Church in order to provide meals to people who could not host families for the holiday or travel to visit with their families. **Page 5**

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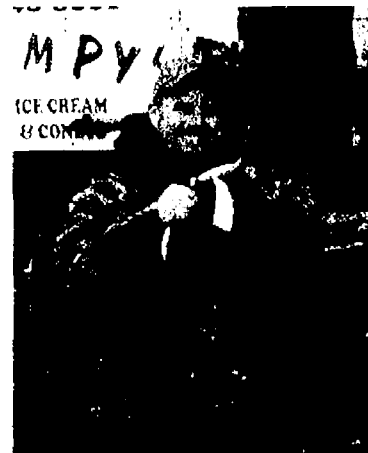
Team to rely on improved speed, shooting, defense



Grayling High School's 2011-2012 varsity girls basketball team – a group that will play in its first game next week – has a lot of speed but not a lot of size.

"Basically, we're going to be running a four-guard offense," Coach Joe Powers said. "Our team speed will be better this year. We're definitely faster. I like to run full-court defense, full-court offense. I think our speed will definitely help us." **Page 11**

Hunters display 31 deer on this year's buck pole



The 2011 Orangecoot Roundup competition – a two-day event that helps kick off the firearm deer season opener in Grayling – featured 31 bucks, five more than last year's total.

This year's event – Grayling's 53rd annual buck pole – started with temperatures near 40 degrees on the morning of the first day and lower temperatures on the second day. First day activity was right at the same level as the year before with 18 deer hung by 5 p.m. **Page 12**

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Breakfast With Santa held as part of Christmas Walk

Several families attended the Breakfast With Santa, served by the Grayling Cooperative Preschool, at the American Legion Post #106 on Saturday. Below, Molly Wright, 2, enjoys her breakfast. Above, Katie Bolick, 11, Samantha Bolick, 10, and baby brother Shawn Galloway, two months, are pictured with Santa and Mrs. Claus.

Photos by Dan Sanderson



Retirees protest paying added insurance fee

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners will revisit the issue of requesting retirees to pay out of their own pockets for health care coverage when they move out of the community on a temporary or permanent basis.

George Mertz, an attorney representing the Police Officers Association of Michigan (POAM) labor union, and retired Crawford County Sheriff's Deputies Tom Coors and Jimmy Parker attended the Crawford County Board of Commissioners meeting last week.

At issue in the county's request that retirees pay an added \$120 per month in order to get coverage by doctors and health care providers who currently are not involved with the network covered by Priority Health. The county switched from having Blue Cross Blue Shield to Priority Health for retired and current employees to cut the county's budget.

The county has taken the position that it can change health care insurance carriers as long they provide the same or substantially similar health care benefits and plans.

Mertz argued that the Priority Health's amount of network care providers is much narrower once a retiree travels outside of Michigan and sometimes not possible to get health care coverage at all.

The county has agreed to upgrade the insurance coverage, but only if the retiree pays \$120 per month for the enhanced insurance.

Mertz and retirees claim that demanding the retirees to pay the added fee is a violation of the contract they retired under.

"We're not asking you to pay extra and follow them wherever they want to go," Mertz said. "They're just simply requesting to be able to have the same coverage that they had under Blue Cross."

Crawford County Administrator Paul Compo said Priority Health does cover urgent care and emergency visits for retirees. The switch in insurance companies impacts 11 retirees, Compo said.

Parker, who retired as a full-time sheriff's deputy nine year ago, said insurance costs became an issue for his wife, who had a heart attack. A cardiologist in Florida, who put in a heart stint, was scheduled to do a recent physical. That visit was not covered by health insurance.

"When you go to Florida, if it's not an emergency, they won't pay anything," Parker said.

Closer to home, Gail King, a retired Crawford County Sheriff's Office **See RETIREES | Pg. 7**

11/11/11 baby born at Mercy Hospital Grayling



Evan Daniel Gambino was born at Mercy Hospital Grayling on 11/11/11 at 7:04 p.m. weighing in at 6 pounds 9 ounces and measuring 19 inches long. Above, the baby is pictured with parents Danielle and Michael Gambino.

Numerical power is important to the Gambino family.

Numerical palindromes, numbers that read the same forwards and backwards, are commonplace in this family with a Gambino marriage occurring on 8/08/08 and the newest addition to their family arriving on 11/11/11.

Evan Daniel Gambino was born at Mercy Hospital Grayling on 11/11/11 at 7:04 p.m. weighing in at 6 pounds 9 ounces and measuring 19 inches long. In addition to being born on this special day, Evan is the 11th baby delivered at Mercy Hospital Grayling in the month of November. He is also the 11th grandchild in his family.

Evan's parents are Michael and Danielle Gambino of Gaylord. Evan joins siblings Camrin and Jaiden.

The 11/11/11 numerical palindrome hasn't come around for a century and won't occur again for another 100 years.

For numerologists, it's a biggie, as the number 11 is already known as a powerful "master number" and here are three of them right in a row.



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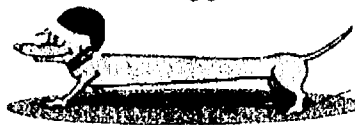
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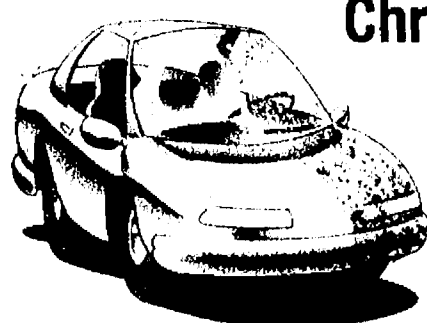
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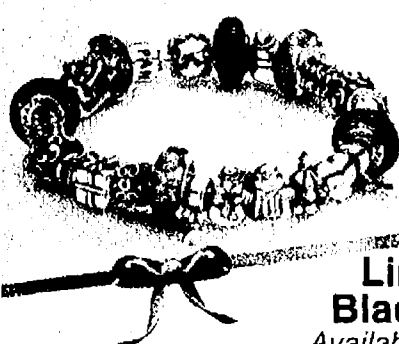
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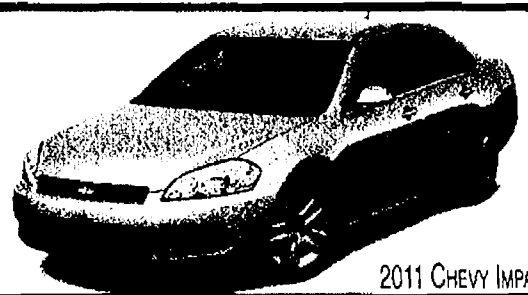
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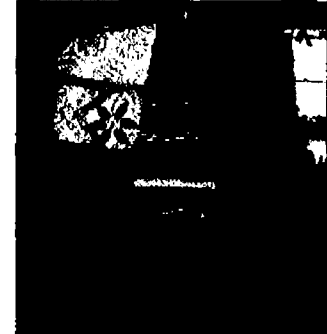
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Christmas Walk brings people to downtown Grayling



Harley Timmons, a Grayling High School graduate, and Jon Petire, a Grayling High School sophomore, were among a group of band students that performed downtown.



Graydon Wheeler takes a pony ride in the North Country Corner parking lot during the Christmas Walk.



Betty Hawley and Connie Argue sell cookie and soup jar mixes to support the Crawford County Commission on Aging.



Members from the Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church offer a live nativity scene in front of the church.



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New planners set to hold meeting

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

As families start solidifying plans for the holidays, the revamped Crawford County Planning Commission will meet for the first time next month.

The Crawford County Planning Commission will meet at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 7 in the Crawford County Courthouse Building.

Over the last several months, county officials have been working to get a representative from the City

of Grayling, each of the six townships in the county and the Crawford AuSable School District to serve on the planning commission.

Now that all representative from each entity have been identified, it's time for community planners to roll up their sleeves and get to work.

Rick Anderson, vice chairman of the Crawford County Board of Commission and the county's appointed representative, said the board would elect its officers at the meet-

ing.

Then, a planning session will be held where local officials will brainstorm and develop a list of issues to address.

"We want to list everything and see what the topics are. It's very important that we state these priorities and get those down now so we can make sure we collaborate," Anderson said. "We want to make sure we are on the same page and make sure we're enhancing the community and not just parts of the community."

City council stays with leadership

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

The Grayling City Council decided to leave its leadership at status quo as three council members took the oath of office last week.

Lawrence "Larry" Akers took the oath of office from Grayling City Clerk Michele Miller as he begins serving his 17th year on the council.

Heidi Farmer, who was appointed to fill out an unexpired term on the city council in June 2009, took the oath to serve a four-year term on the council.

Rogers Moshier, who has served 12 years on the Grayling City Council, took his oath of office from his daughter. He replaces Erich Podjaske, who was appointed to fill out an unexpired term on the city council in July, but failed in his bid for

election to the city council earlier this month.

The city council voted to keep Mayor Karl Schreiner, who was elected to office in 2009, as the city's top elected official. Akers will continue serving as the mayor pro-tem.

Akers was reappointed to serve as the city council's liaison to the Grayling Planning Commission, while Farmer will continue serving as the liaison to the Grayling Parks and Recreation Committee.

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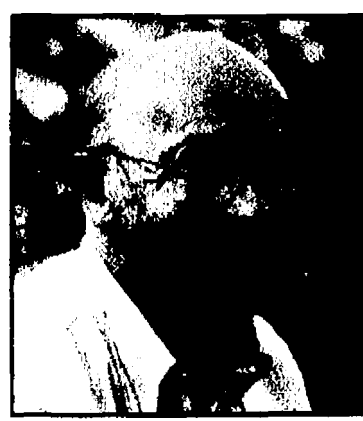
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Issues and Opinions



Almanack

by Richard Milliman

Despite woes, let's give thanks this year anyway

IN MANY AREAS of Michigan, the statewide election on November 8 was a ho-hum event. Where I live, for example, the only thing on my ballot was election of three school board members.

It was not ho-hum in the 51st state house district in southern Genesee County, however.

That's where State Rep. Paul Scott, a Republican and chair of the House Education Committee, was kicked out of office by voters in a special recall election.

The charge against Rep. Scott in a nutshell was that while doing his job as he saw it, he backed school-related legislation that, among other things, weakens teacher tenure, cuts education funding, taxes teachers' pensions, and requires higher employee payments for health care.

The Michigan Education Association (MEA), one of the strongest and most politically conscious unions when it comes to teachers and local schools, didn't agree with what those new laws sought to accomplish, and plunked down a reputed \$140,000, and plenty of strong political muscle, to propel the recall effort against Rep. Scott.

The MEA-led drive worked, and

24,371 voters turned out, giving Mr. Scott the boot by a margin of less than 200 votes, pending official canvass.

The recall has no effect on the new laws which Mr. Scott had championed in his roles as legislator and chair of the House Education committee. Those laws remain in effect.

MANY BACKERS of the recall claim that voters are fed up with Gov. Rick Snyder's agenda for the state and the ouster of Mr. Scott is really a wide voter rebellion against the governor's programs in general.

Republicans control not only the executive branch, but also enjoy solid majorities in both state House and Senate, and many crucial votes on Snyder initiatives have been enacted into law by near-solid party line votes.

"This is historic," said Doug Pratt, an MEA spokesman. "It's more than a victory for the voters (in the 51st district) who feel Scott hasn't been representing their interests. It's a victory for every Michigan voter who feels misled by Republicans this year."

That view likely is a bit overstated. But the Scott recall certainly is a challenge to Michigan

Republicans.

GENERAL VOTER unrest around the country, and especially among Michigan voters who feel they have been hurt personally by some parts of the Snyder agenda, probably contributed to the success of the recall.

But all or parts of five townships in southern Genesee County, including the cities of Grand Blanc, Goodrich, Linden and Fenton, which make up the 51st legislative district, are not necessarily a reflection of the entire Michigan voting population.

One thing the recall of Rep. Scott does prove, however, is that in an isolated election to settle minimum issues in a single area with a limited electorate, a well-heeled, well-organized interest group, willing and able to provide the money and the manpower often can work its way with voters who are motivated to turn out at the polls.

That's what happened to Rep. Paul Scott. Other interpretations are conjecture.

MICHIGAN LAW permits recall of public office holders for almost any reason at all. The day a newly elected public official takes

office, opponents legally can start gathering signatures to force his/her recall.

Most recall efforts turn out to be only threats. Successful recalls of Michigan state officials have been few and infrequent. According to one count, almost 30 percent of Michigan's current 147 state legislators in both parties have faced some sort of recall threat or effort.

The most recent vote on recall of a state lawmaker was in 2008, when former House Speaker Andy Dillon beat a recall vote. Since then, Mr. Dillon has run for the Democratic nomination for governor, and now is state treasurer by appointment of Republican Gov. Snyder.

The last successful recall of state legislators was in 1983, when two Democratic state senators were recalled from office for backing a tax increase proposed by newly elected Democratic Gov. James Blanchard. They were replaced by two Republicans.

Recall votes on township, village or other hometown officials are more frequent.

Reasons for recall attempts, cited in the filing for petitions to force the recall vote, vary widely. In principle, recall is a guard against corruption in public office,

and a way for citizens to more closely control their government.

PERSONAL VIEW - I am not a fan of recalls. In most cases the next election is the proper time for voters to "recall" the official they have elected but don't want any more.

In my view, recall of Paul Scott was unjustified. He was elected in 2010 to a second time as a Republican, and was carrying out the programs of his Republican governor. In a nutshell, the voters were getting what they voted for.

There should be more restrictive reasons for permitting recall - ethical or criminal wrong-doing have been suggested - but most reasons which come to mind could be covered by our existing system of law enforcement and judicial process.

Recalls should be used very sparingly, and never just because of political preferences, or out of spite, or how an office holder votes on public issues.

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Letters to the Editor

We hope that you will help keep our schools great

To the editor:

Our communities overwhelmingly supported the Crawford AuSable School District in the last elections. The School Board and myself definitely know that our communities in Crawford County and our school are strongly linked together.

The reason our schools asked for the COOR/ISD millage, is that the State removed over 1.2 million dollars from our school this year alone. If the question passed, it would of replaced about 1/4 of the lost funds. The state only allows schools to raise local operating funds through their ISD.

Even though the ISD millage question failed in the four county region, our county passed the ballot issue by the greatest amount. However, since Roscommon and Ogemaw counties had a greater "no" vote, the question was defeated.

Our schools just received another honor from the state. Out of over 4,000 state schools, only 123 schools were honored by being selected as "Beating the Odds." These schools have high student academic achievement and are outperforming their peer schools. Not only did we have a

school named as one of the 123 schools, we had two schools. CASD was only one of 13 school districts in the state to have more than one school honored and the only district in the whole area to receive such a distinction as being a top quality district - Grayling Elementary and Grayling Middle School.

We need your help to continue providing a great education for our kids. We are having a local millage question on Feb. 28, 2012 for our school district only. For our taxpayers, this local millage will cost about 1/2 as much as the COOR/ISD issue. For a \$100,000 house with an SEV of \$50,000, this local CASD will cost \$15 a year for four years and then the taxes are scheduled to drop over 1.0 mill.

In 2006, our citizens approved the purchase of 12 buses so that our students can be transported to school. We are now asking for six buses to be purchased beginning in 2012 through 2016. Included will also be the funds to replace student technology in the middle and high schools, convert AuSable Primary gym into one office area and pave a parking lot. This will allow us to cut costs by staffing only

one elementary office instead of two. This also provides an enclosed, heated parent waiting area. The current cafeteria would be expanded out the back to make one multipurpose room for eating, gym classes, band room as well as being a great, large area with a rubber floor to be used in a variety of ways.

This millage would allow us to reduce our expenses, provide a great usable area and keep our school a top school that our communities can continue to be proud of. Since the state has hammered k-12 schools by taking a way so much money, schools no longer have the money to replace computers, buses and do regular maintenance.

Our school board has a multi-year strategic plan to keep our schools great. We want to try to keep up the maintenance on our schools so that we don't have major problems build up. By reconfiguring our elementary school, we can adjust to the loss of state funding and a changing population. We hope that you will help keep our schools great in Crawford County.

Lewis Madill
CASD School Board President

Will the museum be turned into a pole barn?

To the editor:

We were very disappointed to read that the Crawford County Historical Society is considering putting metal siding on the Crawford County Museum. This will destroy the integrity and historical value of the museum.

It is understandable for the need to preserve the exterior of the museum as it is in a deteriorating condition. However, were other proposals ever considered to correct the situation?

Is our train depot/museum with its unique exterior features going to be turned into a pole barn? We hope not.

Donald and Janet
Rechlin,
Frederic

AVALANCHE DEADLINES

Community Briefs items submitted to the Crawford County Avalanche must be turned in to the office by Monday noon, to appear in that week's issue.

Photographs must be turned in to the office by noon on Friday for consideration in the next issue.

News items and letters should be submitted on 8 1/2-x-11 inch paper, typed, and double-spaced.

Handwritten items must also have ample space between each line; on lined paper use every

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All letters are subject to editing and will be printed as space allows.

Deadline for submission of letters to the editor is Friday at noon for consideration for publication in the following week's paper.

Briefs

Mercy to hold diabetes seminars

Mercy Hospital Grayling's Diabetes Education Department will hold programs during Diabetes Awareness Month. All programs are free of charge. Know your Nutrition, will be held on Nov. 28, at Mercy Hospital Grayling Crawford Room (located behind the hospital) from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Secretary of State to close

All state branch offices and the Office of the Great Seal will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 24 and Friday, Nov. 25 in observance of Thanksgiving.

Medicare plan counseling offered

Seniors take note. Medicare open enrollment ends on Wednesday, Dec. 7. Seniors can review their Medicare prescription drug plan with a trained counselor by calling the Crawford County Commission on Aging or Grayling Senior Center at 989-348-7123 to make an appointment.

GHS band students to do odd jobs

If you have an odd job that you need done but really don't want to do it. The GHS Band is planning a trip to Chicago and they are looking for ways to make some money. Students will rake leaves, walk dogs, shovel snow, wash windows or any other odd job you can think of, in order to get enough money to pay for their trip. While in Chicago the band will be performing, attending a live musical performance. Call Shirley Currison 348-1348 or Matt Bishop 390-0721 if you would like to help or need help.

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The Crawford County Avalanche has a community calendar on their new web site. To view area happenings, or to be considered for publication of your event, go to crawfordcountyavalanche.com, click on community and go to the community calendar.

Cops for Kids Christmas tree sale starts Friday

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

As black Friday bargain hunters hit the stores for early holiday shopping, they are encouraged to pick up a tree at the Cops for Kids Christmas Tree Sale.

The 16th annual Cops for Kids Christmas Tree Sale, a collaboration between area businesses and the Crawford County Deputy Sheriff's Association, begins on Friday, Nov. 25, in the Grayling Kmart parking lot. The sale, which is operated from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., runs through Thursday, Dec. 22, when Crawford AuSable Schools go on the holiday break.

The Crawford County Deputy Sheriff's Association consists of current and retired road patrol deputies and corrections officers from the Crawford County Sheriff's Office.

The association plans to sell approximately 200 trees, ranging in price from \$20 to \$40. Douglas fir and black hills spruce trees are \$40, blue spruce are \$35 and scotch pine trees are \$20. The prices are the same as they were last year.

"A lot of people help out with donations, which allows us to keep the trees pretty reasonably priced," said Crawford County Sheriff's Deputy Jason Alexander, who is the president of the Crawford County Deputy.

Proceeds from the Cops for Kids Christmas Tree Sale go toward the Shop With a Cop program. Deputies take students shopping at the Grayling Kmart for much needed items, such as coats, mittens and hats, along with a couple of fun items for the children and their families.

"We're looking for the opportunity to take about 25 kids from the community who are underprivileged or may not have the funds that some families have, so we can take them shopping at the local Kmart," Alexander said.

The Grayling Kmart provides a 10 percent discount, which allows the students involved in the program to

get the most bang for their buck at Christmas time.

"That allows the kids to get a little bit more stuff," Alexander said.

After the shopping excursion, the youngsters are treated to a pizza luncheon at the Grayling Eagles Club. The Grayling Eagles Women's Auxiliary donates huge food baskets for the children to take home.

Alexander said the Crawford County Deputy Sheriff's Association is looking forward to another stellar holiday season.

"With the economy the way it is, there are definitely more families who need it," Alexander said. "There never seems to be short supply of families who need that extra help. The economy may be turning around in other parts of the country and the state, but it hasn't reached northern Michigan yet."

Alexander added that the program offers an excellent outreach to the community when officers are not handling their law enforcement duties.

"It's probably my favorite time of year," Alexander said. "It's just such an awesome program. We couldn't do it without the community."

If the Cops for Kids Christmas Tree Sale is not staffed when you pick up your tree, you can make payment at the Crawford County Sheriff's Office or return to pay the next day.

For more information, contact Tina Bassett at 344-3214.

Thanksgiving Day feast to be served

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

After a dozen and a half years, the torch for organizing, preparing and serving the Crawford AuSable Community Thanksgiving Day Dinner is being passed.

The 18th Crawford AuSable Community Thanksgiving Dinner will be served from noon to 2 p.m. on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 24 at the Camp Grayling Army Airfield Mess Hall. The mess hall is located off of Old U.S. 27 across from Ferrell Gas.

Therese and Skip Kaiser started the community dinner at the St. John's Lutheran Church in order to provide meals to people who could not host families for the holiday or travel to visit with their families. The dinner was prepared and served for several years at the former Knights of Columbus Hall. It was later moved to the Camp Grayling Armory when the Knights of Columbus Hall was used by the St. Mary's Church to hold mass and later sold.

The dinner found a permanent home at the Grayling Army Airfield, where the feast has been held for the last two years.

This year, the Kaisers are passing the torch for organizing and preparing the dinner to friend Patty Crandall.

Crandall said volunteers are still being sought.

"We are always looking for volunteers and we're

looking forward to this week as we celebrate Thanksgiving," Crandall said. "I look forward to working with all the volunteers."

Crandall can be reached at (989) 745-3557. Therese can be reached at (989) 348-1340 or (989) 390-2206.

To arrange for a home delivered meal, contact Sally Golnick at (989) 348-9418.

Rides to the Grayling Army Airfield are being provided again by the Crawford County Transportation Authority.

Crawford County Transportation Authority Director Julie Dean said the employees take pride in being part of the Thanksgiving Day feast.

"It means a lot to us that we are able to help out the community and help people that can't get out there," Dean said.

Crawford County residents can arrange a ride by calling Dial-a-Ride at (989) 348-8215 by 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 22. Residents can leave their phone numbers and they will be called before they are picked up between 11:30 a.m. and 11:45 a.m. on Thanksgiving Day.

A dial-a-ride van will transport residents rather than a bus since about a half dozen people have used the transportation in the past.

"It's never a huge thing, but whenever we can help anybody out, we're in," Dean said.

'Snowbirds' can renew tabs early before heading south for winter

Residents heading south for the winter should renew their driver's licenses and plates "before" leaving Michigan.

"Enjoy your time traveling in warmer climates without having to worry about your license or plate expiring," Secretary of State Ruth Johnson said. "I encourage snowbirds to check their license and plate expiration dates now to avoid late fees or tickets down the road."

People can renew plates for individually owned or leased cars, pickup trucks, vans and motorcycles up to six months before they expire. They can renew early online at www.ExpressSOS.com or at a Secretary of State office even if they have not received their renewal information in the mail. License plate tabs will arrive by mail within seven business days. Company-owned passenger plates cannot be renewed early.


Driver's licenses and ID cards can be renewed up to a year in advance.

For more information about branch office locations, hours and services, visit www.Michigan.gov/sos and sign up for official Secretary of State Twitter feeds at www.twitter.com/MichSOS and Facebook updates at www.facebook.com/Michigansos.

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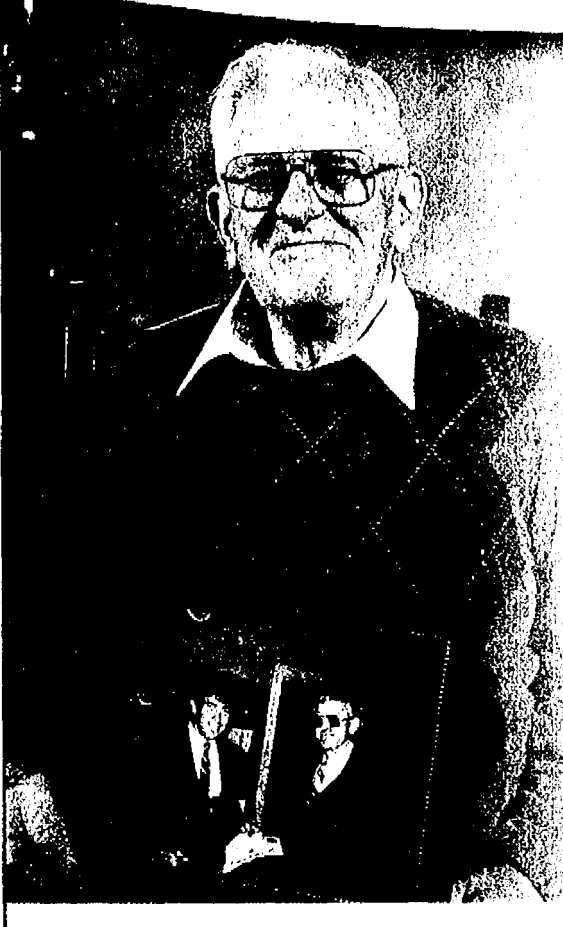
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The Bible Speaks

Thanksgiving to God

"18In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." (1 Thess. 5:18). "17And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him." (Col. 3:17). Ingratitude toward God and His revelation is the first sign of a nation drifting into sinful paganism and cultural degeneration. (Romans 1:21-25) "Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. [22] Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, [23] And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things. [24] Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves; [25] Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen."

We owe everything of real value to God! He is our creator, redeemer, sustainer, coming King, and future hope. Every good we possess came not from government, but from God. (James 1:17) "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning." God's greatest gift was eternal salvation through His Son, Jesus Christ. (John 3:16) "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (2 Corinthians 9:15) "Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift." (Romans 6:23) "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ

our Lord."

May we take every opportunity this Thanksgiving season to give thanks unto our God. (Psalms 106:1) "Praise ye the LORD. O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever." (Psalms 92:1) "It is a good thing to give thanks unto the LORD, and to sing praises unto thy name, O most High." (Psalms 95:2) "Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms." (Psalms 100:4) "Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name." (Psalms 105:1-8) "O give thanks unto the LORD; call upon his name: make known his deeds among the people. [2] Sing unto him, sing psalms unto him: talk ye of all his wondrous works. [3] Glory ye in his holy name: let the heart of them rejoice that seek the LORD. [4] Seek the LORD, and his strength: seek his face evermore. [5] Remember his marvellous works that he hath done; his wonders, and the judgments of his mouth: [6] O ye seed of Abraham his servant, ye children of Jacob his chosen. [7] He is the LORD our God: his judgments are in all the earth. [8] He hath remembered his covenant for ever, the word which he commanded to a thousand generations."

May we pause this Thanksgiving Season with our families and friends to worship God for His greatness and His manifold gifts to us through Jesus Christ our Lord. He alone is worthy of our gratitude for the abundance of blessings we possess in these United States of America.

Pastor "B"

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Obituaries

Julie A. Mertes

Julia Ann Mertes, 66, of Frederic, passed away on Wednesday, November 16, 2011.

She was born in Gaylord, on July 23, 1945, a daughter of the late Lucy (Cassidy) and Paul Watkins.

She married John Mertes on April 9, 1966 in Grayling.

She worked at the Holiday Inn (now Ramada) for 25 years as housekeeping inspector.

She is survived by her husband, John of 45 years; children: John Jr. of Frederic, Barry of Frederic, Richard (Cindy) of Florida, Lisa (Jeff) Nisch of Frederic, Barb (Thomas) Henry of Frederic; grandchildren: Mike, Rachel, Billie Jo and Chad; great-grandchildren: Kaylor, Kayla, Gunner, Haydn and Mason; brothers: Carl and Russell Watkins; sisters: Jean Costello, Janet Rybiski and Cindy Hoover.

A memorial gathering was held on Wednesday, November 23, 2011 at 4 p.m. at Frederic Community Center.

Condolences may be sent to www.sorensonlockwood.com.

Arrangements entrusted to Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.

Raymond Wallis

Raymond Joseph Wallis, 78, of Grayling, passed away November 11, 2011 in Gaylord.

He was born on June 4, 1933, in Detroit, to the late Joseph and Helen (Wisz) Wallis. Raymond worked as a substitute teacher for many years, and also enjoyed his time spent at the Grayling Senior Center. He also worked as a social worker at DHS in Grayling along with serving stateside in the U.S. Army.

He is survived by his loving wife, Barbara Lynn (Holt) Wallis; and son, Michael James Wallis; his brother, William Wallis, his sister-in-law, Lois Wallis; nephew, Jeffrey Wallis; and many cousins and extended family.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

A private family service will be held for Raymond.

Donations in Ray's memory may be made to the Grayling Senior Center, 308 Lawndale St., Grayling, MI 49738.

Please sign Ray's online guestbook at www.kalkaskafuneralhome.com. Arrangements were handled by Kalkaska Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

Albert Williams

Albert "Fritz" Williams, passed away on Monday, November 21, 2011.

Please call Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home or check www.sorensonlockwood.com for arrangements.

Raffle Winners

Booster Club

The 50/50 raffle winners for Nov. 20 of \$25 each: Dave Walton, Val Bielski, Jeannie Thompson and Jeff Scott.

Hatfield, Malone engaged



Heather Hatfield and Jason Malone

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hatfield of Grayling, announce the engagement of their daughter, Heather Lynna'e to Jason Craig Malone, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Craig Malone of Higgins Lake.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Grayling High School class of 2000, and

presently tends bar at the Gray Rock Cafe.

The groom-to-be is a graduate of Roscommon High School class of 2001, and is employed at Weyerhaeuser.

A late September wedding is planned for 2012 in Cheboygan.

Sheriff's Report

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield reports his office handled the following 88 complaints the week of Nov. 14 - Nov. 20.

One EMS response, 14 general non-criminal complaints, two false alarm activations, two assault and battery/simple assaults, three burglaries-forced entry-residences, three larcenies, one larceny-parts and accessories, two larcenies-other, one dangerous drugs, one disorderly conduct, four dis-

turbing the peace complaints, three portable pre-emption devices, three health and safety complaints, four miscellaneous arrests, 21 traffic accidents, one traffic policing response, one traffic safety public appearance, one hazardous condition, six inspections-property, four investigations-family trouble, six suspicious situations, one driving on revoked/suspended license and two reckless driving complaints.

Range Firing

Range firing is not scheduled for the period Dec. 1-7.

The 40 Complex, air to ground, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Rd. 618, and west of County Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.), Dec. 1, 3 and 5-7.

This firing schedule is

subject to change without notice.

Contact the Grayling Department of Natural Resources for the areas closed for hunting within the boundaries of the installation. Grayling DNR telephone number: 989-348-6371. For further information call 989-344-6100.

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- Sunday Morning Celebration: 11am
- Wednesday Evening Service: 7pm

URL: <http://burningbushtabernacle.com>
Pastor: petriepat@burningbushtabernacle.com

Calvary Baptist Church
Pastor: Dr. Robert Barnett
Sunday School: 9:45am
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Evening Worship: 6pm
Wednesday: 7pm
Prayer & Awana Club (Wed): 7pm

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Resurrection Life Center
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Sunday Services: 10:30am, 10:30am
Midweek Services (Wed.): 7pm
Mail: 2640 West M-72 Grayling, MI 49738
resurrectionlife.com
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231 E. Bear Lake Rd., Kalkaska, MI
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231-288-6107

Sunday Worship - 10am
Sunday School - 9am

Youth Group - Wed. Evenings 6:30pm
Prayer Meeting - Wed. Evenings 8:30pm
Adult Bible Study - Wed. Evenings 6:45pm
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Vernon B. Blaha

Dr. Vernon B. Blaha, 93, of Grayling and Port Charlotte, Fla., passed away on Thursday November 17, 2011.

Dr. Blaha was a prominent physician and surgeon at Grayling Mercy Hospital and Keyport Clinic and longtime resident of Grayling.

Vernon was born to Dr. George and Helen (Davenport) Blaha on October 5, 1918 in Whitten, Iowa.

His father was a country doctor who made house calls throughout central Iowa and practiced medicine there for 60 years.

Vernon was known as "Bud" to his friends and family in Iowa. He graduated from Whitten High School in 1935, and the University of Iowa in 1939 where he received high honors in the classroom and playing in the Scottish Highlander Iowa Band. Dr. Blaha graduated from the University of Iowa Medical School in 1942 and traveled to Michigan for his surgical internship and residency at Harper Hospital in Detroit, finishing in 1948. He and a classmate at Harper, Dr. B.E. Henig, would later become Keyport Clinic partners in Grayling.

Dr. Blaha, however, began practicing medicine in Marshalltown, Iowa in 1949 and continued as a

physician and surgeon there until 1958 with the exception of a two years service as a Commander and as Senior Medical Officer in U.S. Navy at Argentia, Newfoundland from 1955-57.

Dr. Blaha and his family moved to Grayling in August of 1958 to join the Keyport Clinic. His surgical practice in Grayling until his 'first' retirement in 1984. Five years later Dr. Blaha 'un-retired' and joined the VA Outpatient Clinic in Gaylord where he worked until well into the 1990's. Finishing a medical career in which he saw tens of thousands of clinic patients, completed of thousands of surgical cases, and delivered scores of new babies in our community.

Dr. Blaha married Henrietta "Eddie" on June 17, 1973 in Houghton Lake. Dr. B. and Eddie were blessed with almost 40 years together. They had a multitude of friends from all over the country. They enjoyed attending parties, dancing, and traveling.

An avid golfer, Dr. Blaha was a regular in the Tuesday Men's League at Grayling Country Club.

He also enjoyed traveling with his Eddie, family, and friends and spending summers at Lake Margrethe and winters in Port Charlotte, Fla., where he enjoyed his part time job as a golf course ranger.

Dr. Blaha was extremely proud of the accomplishments of his three sons. George Blaha, the longtime play-by-play broadcaster for the Detroit Pistons and Michigan State University Spartans, Dr. David Blaha, internationally known Orthopedic Surgeon at the University of Michigan and

Michael G. Myhera, a global Oracle infrastructure architect.

Dr. Blaha was a member of numerous professional organizations: North Central County Medical Society, Michigan State Medical Society, American Medical Association, Michigan Chapter of American College of Surgeons, Fellow of American College of Surgeons, International College of Surgeons, Academy of Surgery in Detroit, Past Member of Iowa State Medical Society, Past member of American Association of Senior Physicians, Past Member of Michigan Commission on Trauma, Former Staff Member of Deaconess & St. Thomas Catholic Hospitals in Marshalltown, Iowa, Past Staff Member in Harper Hospital, Detroit, Michigan, Former Chief of Staff and Chief of Surgery at Mercy Hospital in Grayling, Michigan, Honorary Staff of Mercy Hospital in Grayling.

Dr. Blaha also held many community memberships: Honorary Member of Fraternal Order of Eagles, Grayling, Michigan, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks (B.P.O.E.) Lodge 2763 Port Charlotte, Fla., Deep Creek Elks), Loyal Order of Moose Lodge #2121, Port Charlotte, Fla., Church of the Good Shepherd, Punta Gorda, Fla., attends St. Francis Episcopal Church, Grayling, Life member of Grayling Booster Club, Life member of Grayling Country Club, (one of the Founding members, Past Board Member, and Past President).

Former Community Memberships: Crawford

County Chamber of Commerce, Kiwanis Club, Grayling, Kingsway Country Club, Port Charlotte, Fla.

He is survived by his wife, Eddie Blaha of 38 years; sons: George (Mary) Blaha of Troy and Gaylord, David (Tammy) Blaha of Ann Arbor and Grayling, Michael (Tiara) Myhera of Fairfax, Va; grandchildren: George Blaha, Dr. Michael Blaha, Chase Johnson, Nicole Blaha, and Alena Ottley; four great-grandchildren; and sister-in-law, Nancy (Roger) Fagerlie.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother and sister in law, Dr. David and Kit Blaha; close cousin, Edna Church; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Hugh and Katy McCoy.

Visitation will be held at on Sunday, November 20, 2011 between 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home in Grayling.

Funeral service will be held on Monday, November 21, 2011 at 11 a.m. at St. Francis Episcopal Church in Grayling.

Condolences may be sent to www.sorensonlockwood.com.

Dr. Blaha was a dog over all of his life. He owned two favorite boxers: Star in the 1960's and Noble Duke in the 1980's. Memorial contributions can be made to the AuSable Valley Animal Shelter, P.O. Box 384 Grayling, MI 49738 or The Animal Welfare League of Charlotte County, 3519 Drance St. Port Charlotte, FL 33980.

Arrangements entrusted to Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home in Grayling.

87th District Court

Sentencings for October 2011

Hon. Monte J. Burmeister

James Gordon Tanney, age 57 of Prudenville - Sentenced on Oct. 18, 2011, for operate while visibly impaired; ordered to pay \$613 in fines or serve 61 days in jail; placed on probation for 183 days.

Richard Harry Robinette Jr., age 53 of Grayling - Sentenced on Oct. 4, 2011, for impeded traffic; ordered to pay \$120 in fines.

Shawn David Moss, age 33 of Leonard - Sentenced on Oct. 18, 2011, for license suspended/revoked-allowed another suspended person to operate; ordered to serve 15 days in jail with credit for one day served; ordered to pay \$713 in fines or serve 71 days in jail.

Dawn Ann Rousse, age 46 of Turner - Sentenced on Oct. 18, 2011, for operate while visibly impaired; ordered to serve five days in jail with credit for one day served; ordered to pay \$913 in fines or serve 88 days in jail; placed on probation for 183 days.

Phillip Roy Jenniches, age 45 of Swartz Creek - Sentenced on Oct. 18, 2011, for operating while intoxicated; ordered to serve five days in jail with credit for four days served; ordered to pay \$1,293 in fines or serve 88 days in jail; placed on probation for 366 days.

Kassandra Carol-Florence Prisk, age 26 of Traverse City - Sentenced on Oct. 18, 2011, for impeded traffic; ordered to pay \$220 in fines.

Angela Marie Ellis, age 28 of Grayling - Sentenced on Oct. 11, 2011, for retail fraud third-degree; ordered to serve five days in jail; ordered to pay \$833 in fines or serve 83 days in jail; placed on probation for 183 days.

Levi Wayne Hazelton, age 24 of Roscommon - Sentenced on Oct. 11, 2011, for license suspended/revoked-allowed another suspended person to operate; ordered to serve five days in jail; ordered to pay \$263 in fines or serve 26 days in jail.

Gregory Arnold Bennett, age 55 of Grayling - Sentenced on Oct. 4, 2011, for license suspended/revoked-allowed another suspended person to operate; ordered to serve 20 days in jail; ordered to pay \$353 in fines or serve 35 days in jail.

Crystal Monique Spague, age 38 of Mt. Pleasant - Sentenced on Oct. 11, 2011, for impeded traffic; ordered to pay \$120 in fines.

Michael Brandon Trosper, age 26 of Johannesburg - Sentenced on Oct. 11, 2011, for license suspended/revoked-allowed another suspended person to operate and operate without security; ordered to serve 10 days in jail; ordered to pay \$846 in fines or serve 84 days in jail; placed on probation for 123 days.

Leon Mitchell Sokolowski III, age 36 of Vanderbilt - Sentenced on Oct. 11, 2011, for license suspended/revoked-allowed another suspended person to operate and operate without security; ordered to serve 25 days in jail; ordered to pay \$703 in fines or serve 70 days in jail.

Joseph Edward Frost Jr., age 20 of Grayling - Sentenced on Oct. 4, 2011, for reckless driving and operating while impaired; ordered to serve 30 days in jail; ordered to pay \$981 restitution and \$3,670.93 in fines or serve 63 days in jail.

Aric Lee Bentz, age 38 of

Traverse City - Sentenced on Oct. 4, 2011, for controlled substance use of marijuana; ordered to pay \$713 in fines or serve 71 days in jail; placed on probation for 183 days.

William James Barber, age 40 of Grayling - Sentenced on Oct. 18, 2011, for controlled substance possession of marijuana and operate while visibly impaired; ordered to serve five days in jail with credit for one day served; ordered to pay \$1,391 in fines or serve 139 days in jail; placed on probation for 183 days.

Larry Wayne Harris, age 36 of Grayling - Sentenced on Oct. 18, 2011, for operate while visibly impaired; ordered to serve five days in jail with credit for one day served; ordered to pay \$963 in fines or serve 88 days in jail; placed on probation for 183 days.

Patrick Joseph Wilson, age 41 of Roscommon - Sentenced on Oct. 4, 2011, for no valid license in possession; ordered to pay \$143 in fines or serve 14 days in jail.

Mindy Louann Weigel, age 20 of Grayling - Sentenced on Oct. 25, 2011, for alcohol selling/furnishing to minor; ordered to pay \$1,373 in fines or serve 60 days in jail; placed on probation for 123 days.

Wayne Robert Farren, age 37 of Grayling - Sentenced on Oct. 25,

2011, for operate while visibly impaired; ordered to pay \$963 in fines or serve 93 days in jail; placed on probation for 183 days.

Laura Ann Yauck, age 48 of Novi - Sentenced on Oct. 18, 2011, for operate while visibly impaired; ordered to pay \$523 in fines or serve 52 days in jail; placed on probation for 92 days.

Amanda Lee Heltzel, age 31 of Frederic - Sentenced on Oct. 4, 2011, for operate without security; ordered to pay \$143 in fines or serve 14 days in jail.

Charles Allen Burpee, age 19 of Grayling - Sentenced on Oct. 4, 2011, for operate without security; ordered to pay \$143 in fines or serve 14 days in jail.

Joshua John Bondroff, age 19 of Taylor - Sentenced on Oct. 11, 2011, for operate while visibly impaired; ordered to pay \$553 in fines or serve 55 days in jail; placed on probation for 123 days.

Michael Calvin Porter, age 38 of Grayling - Sentenced on Oct. 18, 2011, for larceny less than \$200; ordered to serve 20 days in jail with credit for 10 days served; ordered to pay \$453 in fines or serve 45 days in jail.

Dwight Douglas Sippola, age 28 of Roscommon - Sentenced on Oct. 4, 2011, for obstruct trail to prevent public use; ordered to pay \$165 in fines.

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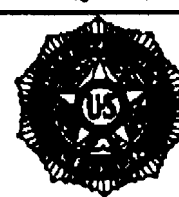


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Photo by Dan Sanderson

Trinity Health renews partnership agreement with Mercy Hospital

Munson Healthcare and Trinity Health are continuing their long-standing collaboration and partnership with a renewed five-year agreement effective Jan. 1, 2012. Mercy Hospital Cadillac and Mercy Hospital Grayling, both members of Trinity Health, will remain committed to partnering with Munson Healthcare to meet the needs of northern Michigan.

"We've talked a lot in the past year about the importance of partnerships. Health care reform places even greater emphasis on our need to share responsibility for keeping the population we serve healthy," said Ed Ness, president and CEO of Munson Healthcare and Munson Medical

Center. "This renewed partnership agreement is great example of our commitment to working together to strengthen access and services for people in northern Michigan, no matter which hospital they use."

The renewed partnership will remain focused on providing local health care just as in the past by improving effectiveness of patient care, increasing access to physicians, and expanding outreach programs in the communities served.

"We've enjoyed 14 years of a strong partnership with several accomplishments that have benefitted our patients here at Mercy Hospital Cadillac. We are looking forward to continuing this strong relationship,"

stated John MacLeod, CEO of Mercy Hospital Cadillac.

Patients and the respective communities will continue to benefit from high quality health care services available close to home, including: local access to primary care physicians; local testing and diagnostic services whenever possible; local access to physician specialists in community clinics; and local rehabilitation and follow-up care.

A management steering committee with representatives from Trinity Health, Munson Healthcare, Mercy Hospital Cadillac, and Mercy Hospital Grayling which will be responsible for aligning and deepening the renewed agreement. Mercy Hospital Cadillac and Mercy Hospital Grayling CEOs also will have a reporting relationship to Ness, in addition to their relationship with their counterparts in Trinity Health.

"We are committed to providing access to the highest quality health care close to home, and our relationship with Munson Healthcare allows us to do that. We are excited about this renewed partnership

and look forward to continuing to serve the communities of northern Michigan," said Stephanie Riemer-Matuzak, CEO of Mercy Hospital Grayling.

Through this agreement, Munson Healthcare is strengthening its relationship with the larger Trinity Health organization through: collaboration with Trinity Health on clinical and quality improvement initiatives to ensure the highest quality care for northern Michigan; enhancements to Munson's information technology infrastructure to maximize the use of technology to provide timely and seamless information for physicians, clinicians, and patients; continued efforts to reduce costs through strategic sourcing and purchasing via Northern Michigan Supply Alliance, jointly owned by Munson Healthcare and Trinity Health.

"This agreement represents the next evolution of the historically strong and beneficial relationship the hospitals, Trinity Health, and Munson Healthcare have had over the past 14 years," Ness said.

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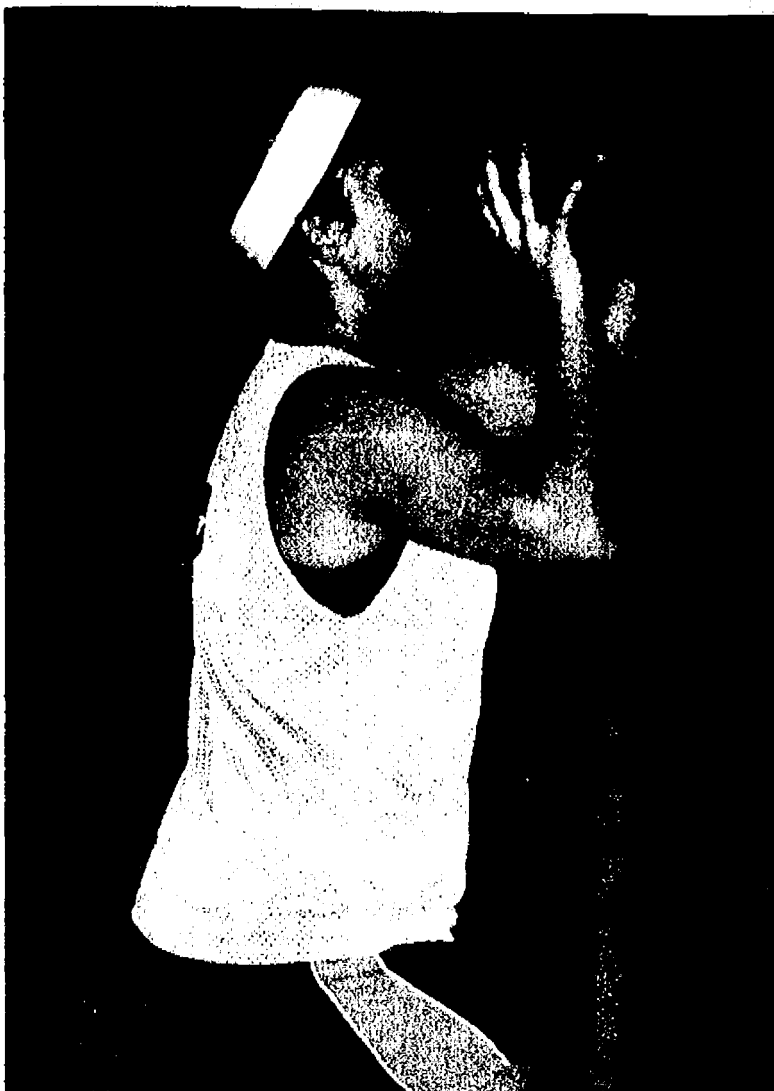
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Caitlin Prosser sets up for a jump shot during practice on Thursday, Nov. 17.



Hannah Haven, left, shoots during a practice drill on Thursday night. Maddie Benardo, right, dribbles the ball during last Thursday's practice.



Team to rely on improved speed, shooting, defense

Girls basketball squad's season opener set for next Wednesday

by Caleb Casey
Senior Staff Writer

Grayling High School's 2011-2012 varsity girls basketball team – a group that will play in its first game next week – has a lot of speed but not a lot of size.

"Basically, we're going to be running a four-guard offense," Coach Joe Powers said. "Our team speed will be better this year. We're definitely faster. I like to run full-court defense, full-court offense. I think our speed will definitely help us."

Powers, the superintendent of the Crawford-AuSable School District, is in his second year as coach of the squad.

"I'm excited about the season. I think being in year two of the program we're just so much farther ahead than where we were last year," Coach Powers said. "We had a pretty decent summer and we seem to run the court pretty good."

Coach Powers said he

expects improved shooting this year and the team's success will likely hinge on defense and rebounding.

"I think the two biggest factors for us will be our man to man defense and five people boxing out at the same time. Because we're short we're going to have to be disciplined with our technique and desire. The defensive glass is going to be the major concern for us," Coach Powers said. "Because of our lack of size we need to accentuate the full court, play in space."

"Without a doubt our shooting percentage should be higher this year. I think our defense will be much stouter," Coach Powers said.

This year's team doesn't have a lot of previous varsity basketball experience; overall, it has 10 players: three seniors, five juniors, one sophomore, and one freshman.

The squad: Jamie Denton, senior; Josie Swander,

senior; Sam Hansen, senior; Alyssa Morley, junior; Caitlin Prosser, junior; Hannah Haven, junior; Jo Hamlin, junior; Maddie Benardo, junior; Cierra Prosser, sophomore; Hailey Whitaker, freshman. Shelby Cottenham, a junior, is the team's manager. Assistant coaches include Erin Krabill and Brooke Knight. Team captains are Hamlin and Caitlin Prosser.

Only four of the team's 10 players – Hamlin, Denton, and both Prossers – were on last year's varsity squad full time.

"We're extremely young. We have three seniors but only one of them played last year. We've got a freshman and a sophomore and five juniors," Coach Powers said.

The program's schedule format will be a little bit different this year. For Friday night league games, the varsity girls will play before the varsity boys. On other

nights of the week, the varsity girls will play after the junior varsity girls.

The Vikings will open their 2011-2012 season with a nonconference home game vs. the Roscommon Bucks on Wednesday, Nov. 30. The JV game will start at 6 p.m. and the varsity match will follow. The JV and varsity girls basketball teams will host Glen Lake on Friday, Dec. 2, at 6 p.m.

The varsity team's first Lake Michigan Conference contest is slated for Friday, Dec. 16, at Harbor Springs.

"We have a very difficult conference," Coach Powers said. "Our conference is very good in girls basketball. We're going to play some very good teams this year."

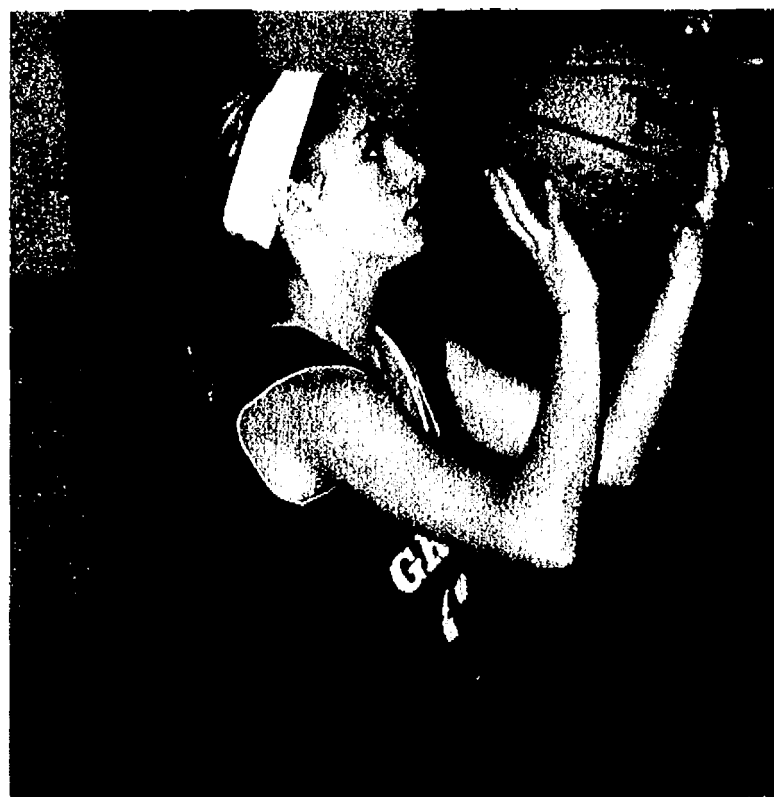
"The girls are committed to playing hard and playing the right way. I think the girls expect to be extremely competitive and I think we're going to have a great season," Coach Powers said.



Hailey Whitaker shoots a lay-up at practice on Thursday night.



Josie Swander shoots the ball during practice last week.



Sam Hansen, left, shoots a free throw during last Thursday's varsity girls basketball practice. Alyssa Morley, right, sets up for a shot on Thursday.



Photos by Caleb Casey

Winter sports teams prepare for 2011-2012 seasons

Basketball game nights to feature different schedule style

by Caleb Casey
Senior Staff Writer

Grayling High School's winter sports teams are gearing up for their 2011-2012 seasons.

The girls basketball program was the first to start practicing – the squad began its official sessions on Monday, Nov. 7 – but the team didn't have its full roster until last week because some of the girls were on the school's volleyball team; the volleyball squad had a solid playoff run this year and

didn't end its season until a loss in regionals on Nov. 8.

Joe Powers returns as head coach of the varsity girls basketball squad. Brooke Knight, who coached the freshman squad last year, is the new JV coach. The school will not have a freshman girls basketball team this year.

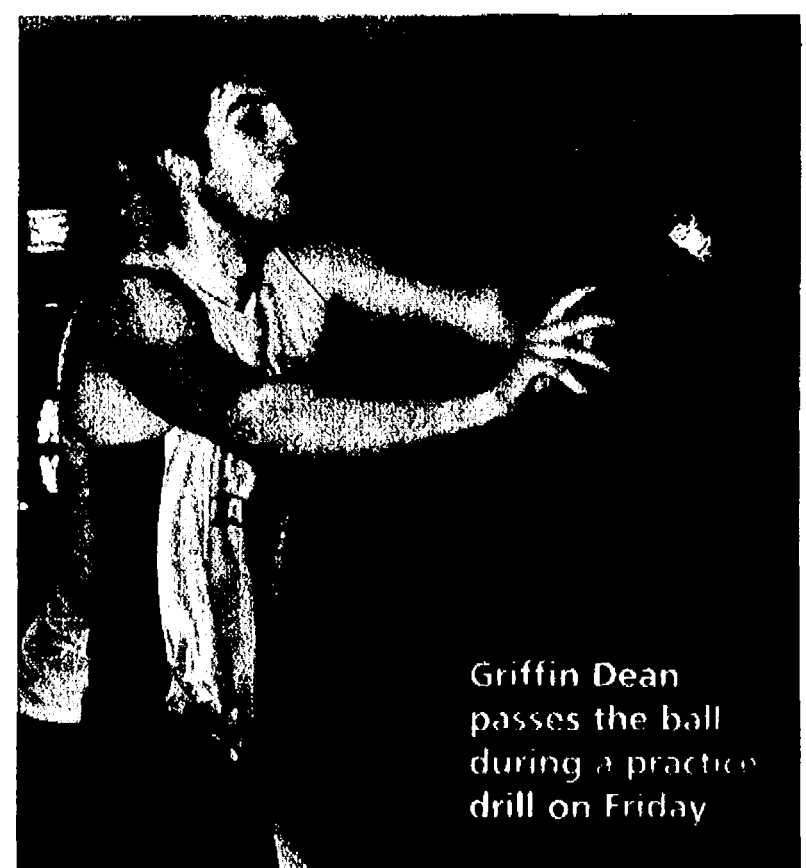
The basketball schedules for boys and girls will have a different format this year for Lake Michigan Conference game nights. Friday nights

will feature both varsity teams, boys and girls, and other game nights will feature JV boys/varsity boys, JV girls/varsity girls, or both JV teams.

(Nonconference game nights will have girls/girls, boys/boys.)

"Tuesday will be boys and boys, girls and girls for league. It's kind of a trial. It's the first year for it, so we'll see how it goes," said Eric Tunney, Athletic Director for Grayling High School.

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Griffin Dean passes the ball during a practice drill on Friday

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Don Handy, left, won the largest buck and heaviest buck prizes for day one of this year's Orangecoat Roundup. Dallas Johnson, right, won the youngest hunter prize on Nov. 15.

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Hunters display 31 deer on this year's buck pole

2011 Orangecoat Roundup beats last year's mark by five

The 2011 Orangecoat Roundup competition – a two-day event that helps kick off the firearm deer season opener in Grayling – featured 31 bucks, five more than last year's total.

This year's event – Grayling's 53rd annual buck pole – started with temperatures near 40 degrees on the morning of the first day and lower temperatures on the second day. First day activity was right at the same level as the year before with 18 deer hung by 5 p.m.

"Anyone arriving on the first day with a deer after 5

p.m. is allowed to hang their buck on day two. One hunter just missed the deadline but was back on Wednesday. The second day saw 12 deer being hung as opposed to the year before total of eight," event organizers said.

For almost 20 years the Camp Grayling Conservation Club has sponsored and staffed the running of the buck pole. Hunters are awarded prizes in various categories such as first buck for the day or youngest hunter. The deer are weighed and the antlers are measured; a scoring system that takes into consideration total spread, number of points, and length of points assigns a score used to determine the best buck of the competition. The overall winner receives a new scoped hunting rifle. It is possible to win a prize in more than one category.

"We have some nice deer brought in this year with many hunters having better luck than my own so far for firearm deer season 2011," said Jack Millikin, owner of Skip's Sport Shop.

The buck pole at Skip's Sport Shop is a second generation structure replacing the wooden pole used for many years.

The current buck pole "is made of steel and features a rear platform and electric winch that makes weighing and scoring the deer much easier. Back in the day you did most of your work from a ladder that was moved back and forth; that was not only time consuming but sometimes slightly dangerous due to snow. It was not uncommon to pull a deer up with the rope and pulley system and then slip and slide across the parking lot in the snow as the weight of the deer pulled back," event organizers said.

Starting out day one was Tim Moore, who rushed in with the first buck at 8:40

2011 Buck Pole Results

Tuesday, November 15

# Name	Home	Weight	Score
#01 Tim Moore	Grayling, MI	111 pounds	30 1/2
#02 Carrie LaMotte	Frederic, MI	134 pounds	41 5/8
#03 Dallas Johnson	Grayling, MI	102 pounds	38 5/8
#04 Erik Graham	Grayling, MI	134 pounds	85 1/4
#05 Frank Smith	Midland, MI	102 pounds	62 1/4
#06 Bob Prause	Grayling, MI	119 pounds	35 3/8
#07 Chopper Steffes	Grayling, MI	123 pounds	68 3/4
#08 Carrie Moon	Grayling, MI	120 pounds	76 1/2
#09 Mike Stockmaster	Grayling, MI	136 pounds	89
#10 Bob Bernier	Clarkston, MI	100 pounds	45
#11 Don Handy	Grayling, MI	187 pounds	145 1/4
#12 Nick Santoni	Lincoln Park, MI	158 pounds	122 1/4
#13 Dave Donaldson	Shelby Twp, MI	119 pounds	43 1/4
#14 Bill Hart	Grayling, MI	135 pounds	84 5/8
#15 Keith Bishop	Roscommon, MI	135 pounds	98 3/4
#16 Art Wargo	Rochester Hills, MI	115 pounds	44 1/8
#17 Brent Steffey	Grayling, MI	130 pounds	104 3/8
#18 Ron Rakoczy	Grayling, MI	126 pounds	73 3/4

First Woman: Carrie LaMotte, Youngest Hunter: Dallas Johnson, Oldest Hunter: Bob Prause, Largest Buck: Don Handy, Heaviest Buck: Don Handy

Wednesday, November 16

# Name	Home	Weight	Score
#01 John Galloway	Grayling, MI	110 pounds	37 3/4
#02 Kristina Tennant	Grayling, MI	118 pounds	48 3/8
#03 Ryan Halstead	Grayling, MI	165 pounds	117 3/4
#04 Dale Clyma	Grayling, MI	115 pounds	93 1/4
#05 Bart Horcha	Brighton, MI	147 pounds	106
#06 Dan Bonamie	Grayling, MI	162 pounds	130 1/4
#07 Alex Thomson	Grayling, MI	131 pounds	62
#08 Tom Rademaker	Alma, MI	112 pounds	76 1/2
#09 Trent Priest	Alma, MI	108 pounds	19 3/4
#10 Chelsea Partello	Grayling, MI	130 pounds	85
#11 Jeff Stiver	Roscommon, MI	160 pounds	147
#12 Mark Mikowski	Williamsburg, MI	159 pounds	155 1/4
#13 Mallory Hatfield	Grayling, MI	146 pounds	28 1/2

First Woman: Kristina Tennant, Youngest Hunter: Mallory Hatfield, Oldest Hunter: Dale Clyma, Largest Buck: Mark Mikowski, Heaviest Buck: Ryan Halstead

a.m.

At the end of the first day the heaviest deer was 187 pounds. The buck, shot by Don Handy of Grayling, also had the highest antler score of 145 and 1/4.

The youngest hunter for day one was Dallas Johnson (14) and the oldest hunter was Bob Prause (72).

The first woman was Carrie LaMotte.

Tuesday, the second day of the firearm deer season, greeted hunters with 30 degree weather at dawn with cloudy skies. The first buck on day two arrived at 10:30 a.m. from John Galloway.

The day's oldest hunter was Dale Clyma, 71, who stuck around to help hang a few deer. The second day's first woman was Kristina Tennant and the youngest hunter was Mallory Hatfield (11).

Tom Rademaker and Trent Priest, both from Alma, were hunting near Deward and bagged their bucks within an hour of each other. Adding their deer to the pole pushed the 2011 count past the 2010 take by one deer. At close to 4 p.m. Chelsea Partello arrived, adding one more to the total with a 130-pound buck. As the minutes ticked away with less than an hour to go, two hunters arrived with the two largest bucks of the opener. Jeff Stiver of Roscommon brought a 160-pound buck that scored out with 147, which would be the best score for the next 10 minutes.

Mark Mikowski of Williamsburg hung the second-to-last buck of the day; it weighed a total of 159 pounds and had a winning rack score of 155 and 1/4.

One minute before the buck pole closed, Mallory Hatfield's father slid into the parking lot with a spike horn she had shot off from Military Road.

Mikowski won the event's grand prize – a Remington Model 700, 270 caliber with a Tasco 3 x 9 x 40 scope – for having the "best buck" of 2011.

Pool League

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Thomas Barnes, left, dribbles the ball for Grayling's 7th/8th grade combo team on Wednesday. Shane McCleave, right, drives to the basket for the combo team vs. East Jordan.

GMS Boys Basketball

8th grade team

Grayling Middle School's 8th grade boys basketball team lost to East Jordan 53-36 on Wednesday night in a contest played at GMS.

The Vikings trailed by 10 at halftime, 32-22, and the Red Devils added to their lead in the second half.

Chandler Swiercz was Grayling's leading scorer with 13 points. Blake Gregory scored seven points. Spencer Kent had six points. Trent Hickman and Garret Anderson each scored four points. Nic LaLonde scored two points.

7th grade team

The GMS 7th grade boys basketball squad fell to East Jordan 33-12 on Wednesday. It was a home game for the Vikings.

"We really struggled all night. The progress we saw on Monday fell apart on Wednesday. We made mistakes that allowed their press to be effective. We continued to struggle offensively even though we had some good shot opportunities; we continue to force shots," Coach Craig Hofman said.

"We need to become a consistent defensive basketball team which is where our progress has been but really struggled during this

game. The players will continue to learn and we will continue to practice to become that tough consistent basketball team," Coach Hofman said. "On a positive note, as a team we were 5 for 6 from the free-throw line and the players continue to work hard and want to improve every day."

Four players scored points for GMS: Troy Summers, 6; Koedy Dole, 3; Darren Johnston, 2; Josh Hetfield, 1.

On Monday, the team played at Elk Rapids. The Elks led 13-5 at halftime and eventually won 29-18.

"The boys struggled putting the ball in the basket the first two quarters but some solid defense against a good team kept (us) in it. In the second half (we) continued to play solid defense, but not until the fourth quarter did (we) put the ball in the basket. Unfortunately, we could not get closer than six points. We hurt ourselves at the free-throw line, going 5 for 19. That made the big difference in the game. If we go 70 percent from the line, we not only get back into the game but would have had the lead and put more pressure on the Elks," Coach Hofman said.

"The boys are working

hard and learning to play basketball and all of the different aspects of the game. We need playing time and experience playing to learn to react to different situations and recognize how to play even better defense. I saw some real improvement from our first game," Coach Hofman said. "Troy Summers and Darren Johnston rebounded well against a bigger team and Ron Woidan came off the bench to spark some real positive energy on defense."

Summers had 11 points. Johnston had five.

7th/8th grade team

The Grayling Middle School 7th/8th grade combo team - technically, it only has 8th graders due to low 7th grade player numbers - improved its record to 3-0 with a 27-23 victory vs. East Jordan on Wednesday night.

Grayling trailed early in the game. East Jordan led 9-3 after one quarter and the visiting Red Devils had an 11-7 advantage at halftime.

The Vikings opened the second half with a 7-0 run to lead 14-11. Grayling had a one-point lead, 16-15, going into the fourth quarter.

The Vikings scored two on an inside shot by Fred Shippy early in the fourth period. East Jordan scored

to pull back within one. Shane McCleave hit one of two at the free-throw line. Andrew Benardo scored for GMS on an inside shot. At the 2:44 mark, Benardo hit one of two free throw attempts. Shippy hit a jump shot at the 2:13 mark. Thomas Barnes scored one on a free throw. Shippy made a lay-up at the 1:17 mark to give Grayling a 27-17 advantage. East Jordan scored six points in the final minute but Grayling held on to win by four, 27-23.

Barnes had 12 points for GMS. Shippy scored eight points. McCleave had four points and Benardo had three.

"They all played good," Coach Jeff McMann said.

The Vikings won 25-19 vs. Cherryland Middle School on Monday night.

Leading scorers for GMS: Barnes, 11; McCleave, 6; Jeremy Garcia, 4; Alex Ferrigan, 2; Shippy, 2.

"This game came right down to the wire," Coach McMann said. "Our defense really picked it up in the last two minutes of the game."

The Vikings opened their 2011 season with a 27-24 victory vs. Traverse City St. Elizabeth.

Barnes had 20 points. McCleave had six.



Koedy Dole, left, shoots for Grayling's 7th grade boys basketball team vs. East Jordan. Tjerek DeWitt, right, dribbles the ball for the 7th grade squad on Wednesday.



Trent Hickman, left, handles the ball for the 8th grade team on Wednesday. Chandler Swiercz, right, shoots for Grayling vs. East Jordan.

Bowling Leagues

Senior League

Dana Transport... 34 - 10
Flowers By Josie... 29 - 15
Gaylord Electric... 27 - 17
Bear's Den Pizza... 21 - 23

Sylvester's Sports... 18 - 26
Lone Pine... 18 - 26
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Legion Lanes... 15 - 29
High Series Women: C.

Clark, 511; M. Rysso, 509;
D. Doremire, 479. High
Game Women: C. Clark,
195; M. Rysso, 186; D.
Hollis, 179. High Series

Men: B. Hollis, 514; D.
Henning, 496; M. Brown,
480. High Game Men: B.
Hollis, 179; D. Henning,
178; L. Crampton, 170.

Legal Action

NOTICE PURSUANT TO MCL 600.3205a(4)

NOTICE is hereby provided to Dorothy Osborn and Dorothy Osborn Trustee, the borrowers and/or mortgagors (hereinafter "Borrower") regarding the property located at: 569 Pembroke Dr, Grayling, MI 49738-7487. The Borrower has the right to request a meeting with the mortgage holder or mortgage servicer. The agent designated by the Mortgage Servicer and/or Mortgage Holder to contact and that has authority to make agreements under MCL sections 600.3205b and 600.3205c is: Trott & Trott, P.C., 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200, Farmington Hills, MI 48334-2525 at (248) 593-1304. The Borrower may contact a housing counselor by visiting the Michigan State Housing Development Authority's website or by calling the Michigan State Housing Development Authority at <http://www.michigan.gov/mshda> or at (866) 946-7432. If the Borrower requests a meeting with the agent designated above by contacting an approved housing counselor within 14 days from November 18, 2011, foreclosure proceedings will not be commenced until 90 days after November 18, 2011. If the Borrower and the agent designated above reach an agreement to modify the mortgage loan, the mortgage will not be foreclosed if the Borrower abides by the terms of the agreement. The Borrower has the right to contact an attorney. The telephone number of the State Bar of Michigan's Lawyer Referral Service is (800) 968-0738. THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. Date: November 24, 2011 For more information, please call: FC S (248) 593-1304 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer and/or Mortgage Holder 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200 Farmington Hills, MI 48334-2525 File # 373429F01 (11-24)

Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by David W. Farmer and Jackie R. Farmer husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated October 14, 2010, and recorded on November 16, 2010 in Liber 702 on Page 608, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Two Thousand Five Hundred Fifty-Four and 07/100 Dollars (\$62,554.07), including interest at 5% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on December 28, 2011. Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 28 and the South 1/2 of Lot 29, East Branch Estates, as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 8, Crawford County Records. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. Dated: November 24, 2011 For more information, please call: FC D (248) 593-1309 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525 File #375956F01 (11-24)(12-15)

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THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing

ing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Brent M. Setlemour an unmarried man and Karen Lee an unmarried woman, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated April 15, 2008, and recorded on July 30, 2008 in Liber 692 on Page 501, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Flagstar Bank, FSB as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-Nine Thousand Two Hundred Sixty-Eight and 33/100 Dollars (\$49,268.33), including interest at 6.875% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on December 28, 2011. Said premises are situated in Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: The Northeast quarter of the Northeast one-quarter, of the Northeast one-quarter, of the Northeast one-quarter, of Section 35, Town 25 North, Range 2 West, South Branch Township, Crawford County, Michigan The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. Dated: November 24, 2011 For more information, please call: FC J (248) 593-1311 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525 File #376352F03 (11-24)(12-15)

Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by David W. Farmer and Jackie R. Farmer husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Chase Manhattan Bank USA, NA, Mortgagee, dated February 25, 2005, and recorded on December 22, 2005 in Liber 679 on Page 122, and assigned by said Mortgagee to JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Nine Thousand One Hundred Fifty and 50/100 Dollars (\$109,150.50), including interest at 8.75% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on December 28, 2011. Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 1, Block 7, Except the North Fifteen feet of Hadley's Amended Addition to the Village (now city) of Grayling, according to the plat thereof of as recorded in Liber 01, of Plats, Page 08, Crawford County Records. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. Dated: November 24, 2011 For more information, please call: FC S (248) 593-1304 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525 File #367953F01 (11-24)(12-15)

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NOTICE

AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NOTIFY (248) 362-6100 IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Gary L. Lennox and Michele L. Lennox, husband and wife of Crawford County, Michigan, Mortgagor to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., dated the 23rd day of March, 2006, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Crawford and State of Michigan, on the 7th day of April, 2006, in Liber 680, Page 698 of Crawford Records, which said mortgage was assigned to The Huntington National Bank, thru mesne assignments, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal of \$140,806.34 (one hundred forty thousand eight hundred six and 34/100) plus accrued interest at 6.625% (six point six two five) percent per annum. And no suit proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on, the 14th day of December, 2011, at 10:00:00 AM said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front door to the County Bldg in Grayling, MI, Crawford County, Michigan, of the premises described in said mortgage. Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land situate in the Township of Frederic, in the County of Crawford and State of Michigan and described as follows to wit: Situated in the Township of Frederic, County of Crawford and State of Michigan: PARCEL 6 (BRADFORD LAKE ESTATES, PHASE 2) Being a part of Section 1, Town 28 North, Range 4 West, Frederic Township, Crawford County, Michigan described as: Commencing at the West quarter corner of said Section 1; thence South 1 degrees 11 minutes 50 seconds East along the section line, 14.75 feet; thence North 89 degrees 49 minutes 20 seconds East 1,002.74 feet for a point of beginning; thence continuing North 89 degrees 49 minutes 20 seconds East, 334.24 feet; thence North 1 degrees 11 minutes 31 seconds West, 1305.58 feet; thence South 89 degrees 45 minutes 39 seconds West, 334.27 feet; thence South 1 degrees 11 minutes 32 seconds East, 1305.22 feet to the point of beginning. PARCEL 11 (BRADFORD LAKE ESTATES, PHASE

2) Being a part of Section 1, Town 28 North, Range 4 West, Frederic Township, Crawford County, Michigan described as: Commencing at the North quarter corner of said Section 1; thence South 89 degrees 42 minutes 50 seconds West along the section line, 632.57 feet; thence South 1 degrees 11 minutes 39 seconds East 1305.88 feet for the point of beginning; thence continuing South 1 degrees 11 minutes 39 seconds East, 653.12 feet; thence South 89 degrees 47 minutes 01 seconds West, 667.93 feet; thence North 1 degrees 11 minutes 31 seconds West, 652.79 feet; thence North 89 degrees 45 minutes 39 seconds East, 667.88 feet to point of beginning. TOGETHER WITH an easement for ingress and egress and installation and maintenance of public utilities as shown on Certificate of Survey recorded in Liber 188, Page 132, Crawford County Records. PARCEL 12 (BRADFORD LAKE ESTATES, PHASE 2) Being a part of Section 1, Town 28 North Range 4 West, Frederic Township, Crawford County, Michigan described as: Commencing at the North quarter corner of said Section 1; thence South 89 degrees 42 minutes 50 seconds West along the section line, 632.57 feet; thence South 1 degrees 11 minutes 39 seconds East, 1959.00 feet for point of beginning; thence continuing South 1 degrees 11 minutes 39 seconds East, 653.12 feet; thence South 89 degrees 49 minutes 20 seconds West, 667.95 feet; thence North 1 degrees 11 minutes 31 seconds West, 652.79 feet; thence North 89 degrees 47 minutes 01 seconds East, 667.93 feet to point of beginning. TOGETHER WITH right of way for ingress and egress and installation and maintenance of public utilities as granted in instrument recorded in Liber 188, Pages 127, 128 and 129, Crawford County Records. Commonly known as: 6744 Smalley Trl Tax Parcel No.: 031-001-002-006-00 (Parcel 6).

Tax Parcel No.: 031-001-002-011-00 (Parcel 11), Tax Parcel No.: 031-001-002-012-00 (Parcel 12) The redemption period shall be one year from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. Dated: November 10, 2011 By: Michael I. Rich (P-41938) Attorney for Plaintiff 2155 Butterfield Drive Suite 200-S Troy, MI 48084 WWR# 10070784
-10-17-24-1

Notice Of Mortgage

Foreclosure Sale

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Robert D. Phipps, a Single Man, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated April 16, 2008, and recorded on May 9, 2008 in Liber 691 on Page 596, and modified by Affidavit or Order received by and recorded, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Chemical Bank as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Six Thousand One Hundred Eighty-Two and 98/100 Dollars (\$56,182.98), including interest at 5.875% per annum. Under the

power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on December 7, 2011. Said premises are situated in Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Part of the East 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 8, Town 25 North, Range 3 West, described as: Commencing at the South 1/4 corner of said Section 8; thence North 01 degrees 34 minutes East (along the North and South 1/4 line) 1710.93 feet (recorded as 1710.03 feet) to the point of beginning; thence North 89 degrees 29 minutes West 1056.50 feet to the Northeastly side of Skyline Road; thence Northwestly on a 471.63 foot radius curve to the left (along Skyline Road), 76.08 feet. (Long Chord - North 37 degrees 50 minutes 51 seconds West 76.00 feet); thence North 42 degrees 28 minutes 08 seconds West (along Skyline Road) 27.53 feet; thence Northeastly on a 2009.86 foot radius curve to the left (along Old U.S. 27), 350.11 feet (Long Chord - North 39 degrees 07 minutes 32 seconds East 349.51 feet); thence South 89 degrees 21 minutes 45 seconds East 557.66 feet; thence

South 01 degrees 34 minutes West 100 feet; thence South 89 degrees 21 minutes 45 seconds East 353.04 feet; thence South 01 degrees 34 minutes West 250.93 feet to the point of beginning. The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. Dated: November 3, 2011 For more information, please call: FCF (248) 593-1313 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525 File #383420F01
-3-10-17-24

NOTICE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. MORTGAGE SALE-Default has been made in the conditions of a Mortgage made by ANTHONY PARKER AND MICHELE MARIE PARKER, husband and wife, Mortgagors, to FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF AMERICA, Mortgagee, dated June 15, 2005, and recorded June 23, 2005, in Liber 676, Page 19, of Crawford County Records, Michigan, on

which mortgage there is claimed to be due as of the date of this notice \$53,980.50, including interest at 9.95% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public auction to the highest bidder, on Wednesday, December 14, 2011, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, Michigan. Said premises are situated in the Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel No. 17: The West 1/2 of the East 1/2 of the NW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 16, T26N, R2W; c/k/a 2644 Cambay Trail, Grayling, MI 49738 The redemption period shall be one year from the date of the sale, unless the premises are determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days. Dated: November 10, 2011 LeVasseur Dyer & Associates, PC Attorneys for Mortgagee P.O. Box 721400 Berkley, MI 48072 (248) 586-1200
-10-17-24-1

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION BY POSTING MAPLE FOREST TOWNSHIP FINAL ADOPTION-ORDINANCE No. 2011-11-8 Zoning Ordinance Text Amendments

Please take notice that the adoption of Ordinance No. 2011-11-8, Zoning Ordinance Text Amendments, was made at the regular meeting of the Maple Forest Township Board on November 8, 2011 at the Maple Forest Township Hall located at 8996 North Sherman Road; Grayling, Michigan.

Ordinance No. 2011-11-8 amends the Maple Forest Township Zoning Ordinance summary as follows:

1. Section 2 of the Ordinance is amended by adding Definitions for the following terms, which are currently used in the ordinance however they are not defined.

Adult Foster Home:
Airports and Landing Fields (Private):
Business and Personal Service Facilities:
Contractor Facilities:
Educational and Social Institutions, Civic, Social, and Fraternal Organization facilities:
Farm:
Farm, Dwelling:
Forestry:
Public and/or Private Conservation Area:
Sand and gravel extraction:
Sawmills and other Mills:
Trucking transfer station:

2. Article 3 of the Ordinance is amended by adding a definition for Commercial Farms, which are currently noted in the ordinance however no definition is provided in the ordinance.

3.27 - Commercial Farms and other agricultural activities related to farming

3. Section 8 of the Ordinance is amended by adding Regulations for the following uses, which are currently noted as regulated uses in the ordinance however no regulations are provided in the ordinance.

Y. Salvage Yards, metal recycling, and scrap:
II. Sand and gravel extraction:
JJ. Contractor Facilities:
KK. Private and parochial Educational institutions Civic, social, and fraternal organization facilities:
LL. Agricultural products and processing operations:
MM. Gun club/sportsman club:
NN. Public and/or Private Outdoor Recreation Resorts, Area and Facilities:

4. Section 9.07.3 of the Maple Forest Township Zoning Ordinance is amended by adding paragraph D which shall read as follows:

D. The cost of eliminating any nuisance by the Township, including reasonable attorney fees, may be collected in a lawsuit against the owner and/or possessor of the property on which the nuisance existed and/or against the person who committed, created or maintained the nuisance.

5. Section 5.07.3 of the Maple Forest Township Zoning Ordinance is hereby amended by adding paragraph L which shall read as follows:

L. Medical Marihuana Caregiver Facility

Publication of the Ordinance was made by posting in the Office of the Clerk, 8996 North Sherman Road, Grayling, Michigan, and can be reviewed during normal Township office hours Monday and Wednesday from 6pm - 8pm and on the Township website - www.mapleforest.org

The adopted Zoning Ordinance text shall become effective seven (7) days after publication of the Notice of Final Adoption, unless referendum procedures are initiated under the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, PA 110 of 2006 as amended, MCL 125.3402.

If Referendum procedures are initiated, the Ordinance shall take effect in accordance with MCL 125.3402.

Publication Date: November 24, 2011 in the Crawford County Avalanche.

Sandra Baynham, Clerk
Maple Forest Township
8996 North Sherman Road
Grayling, Michigan

To view a complete copy of the amendments, please click on www.mapleforest.org

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION BY POSTING MAPLE FOREST TOWNSHIP FINAL ADOPTION - ORDINANCE NO. 2011-11-8-B Zoning Ordinance Text Amendments

Please take notice that the adoption of Ordinance No. 2011-11-8-B, Zoning Ordinance Text Amendments, was made at the regular meeting of the Maple Forest Township Board on November 8, 2011 at the Maple Forest Township Hall located at 8996 North Sherman Road; Grayling, Michigan.

Ordinance No. 2011-11-8-B amends the Maple Forest Township Zoning Ordinance in summary as follows:

1. Section 8 of the Ordinance is amended by adding regulations for the following uses:

OO. Medical marijuana, cultivation, use and distribution.

Publication of the Ordinance was made by posting in the Office of the Clerk, 8996 North Sherman Road; Grayling, Michigan, and can be reviewed during normal Township office hours Monday and Wednesday from 6pm - 8pm and on the Township website - www.mapleforest.org

The adopted Zoning Ordinance text shall become effective seven (7) days after publication of the Notice of Final Adoption, unless referendum procedures are initiated under the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, PA 110 of 2006 as amended, MCL 125.3402.

If Referendum procedures are initiated, the Ordinance shall take effect in accordance with MCL 125.3402.

Publication Date: November 24, 2011, in the Crawford County Avalanche.

Sandra Baynham, Clerk
Maple Forest Township
8996 North Sherman Road
Grayling, Michigan

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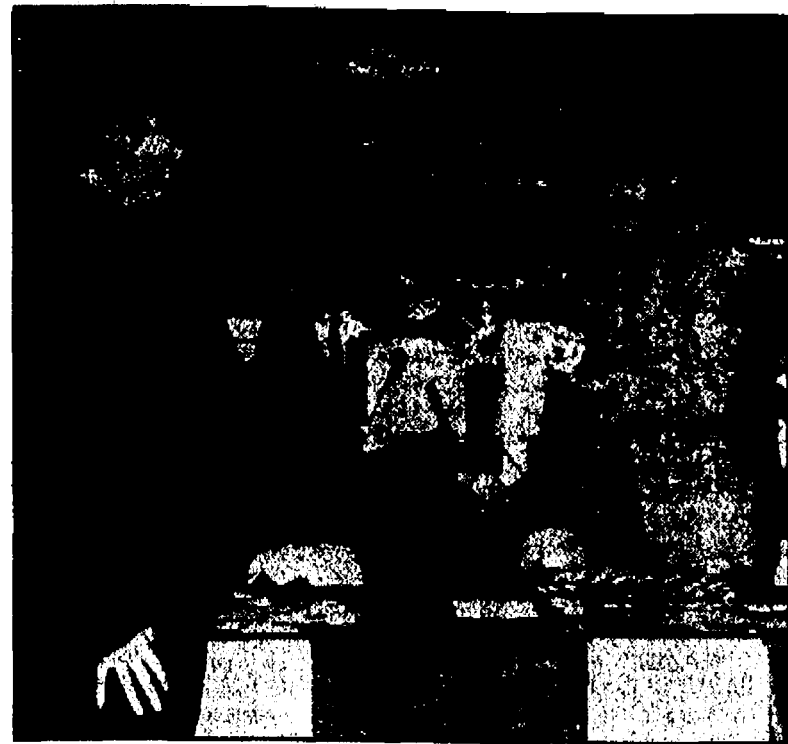
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November 25, 1965 - Ralph Morse of Skyline Ski Resort, south of Grayling, is shown above handing out literature at the Detroit Ski Show. Skyline, Mt. Frederic and the Grayling Sports Park were all combined in a booth featuring the Grayling area.

23 Years Ago

November 24, 1988

Snow days will not be made up by Crawford AuSable School teachers and students, at least not during the 1988-89 school year. The decision was made by the Crawford AuSable School District's Board of Education at their monthly meeting on Nov. 11.

Grayling High School may be joining a new athletic league in the fall of 1990. Athletic Director, Mike Branch received authorization on Monday, Nov. 14 from the Crawford AuSable

School Board of Education to commit to participation in a new athletic league that is presently in its formative stages. Seven schools have been involved in developmental discussions regarding the creation of a new league. These schools include Lincoln-Alcona, Boyne City, Johannesburg-Lewiston, Onaway, Rogers City, Whittemore-Prescott and Grayling. Other schools that were mentioned for possible consideration for the new league were Charlevoix, Kalkaska and St. Ignace.

Forty-eight hunters won prizes during this seasons

Buck Pole contest. The youngest hunter on opening day was 16 year-old Marayah Stampfly of Grayling and the oldest hunter was 75-year old Roy Papenfus of Grayling. The first buck on the pole was brought in by Jeff Wiggins of Grayling and the first woman hunter was Maxine Patterson of Clawson. The heaviest buck weighed 170 pounds and belonged to Don Roe of South Haven. The smallest buck was hung by Eric Swander of Grayling.

The Crawford AuSable Board of Education is in the process of examining an AIDS prevention curriculum to be presented to 7, 10 and 12 grade students. State law requires schools to teach AIDS prevention. To comply with this law and to help students understand the disease and develop the skills to deal with the social and emotional issues, the Board of Education conducted an initial reading of the proposed AIDS prevention curriculum and materials at their last meeting.

46 Years Ago

November 25, 1965

The 50 units of low rental housing, 28 for the elderly and 22 for low income families, will be constructed on Grayling's south side next year.

The Crawford County K-12 School Reorganization Committee met at the Grayling High School Library on Nov. 17. Culminating several months of study in all aspects of educational programs, this committee approved of a plan designed to merge the Frederic and Grayling Schools into one school district.

The Laurin Wing house at 500 Huron Street has been sold to Mrs. Eugene Hayes, former Grayling resident.

69 Years Ago

November 26, 1942

Monday the girls and boys of Grayling High School enjoyed another holiday from their studies due to the fact that the furnace stoker was on the blink again.

"Tiny" Russell filled his license this season to the tune of a big 8 point buck weighing 170 pounds.

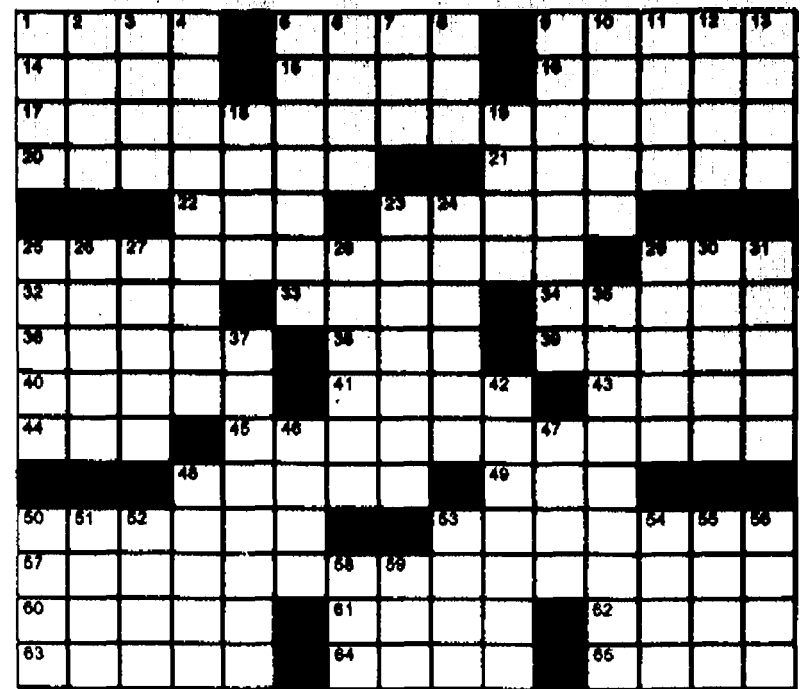
92 Years Ago

November 27, 1919

Mr. and Mrs. J.T. Lamb are packing their household goods preparatory to moving to Bay City.

Miss Matilda Cool is home to spend a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Cook. She attends Bliss-Alger College in Saginaw.

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Across

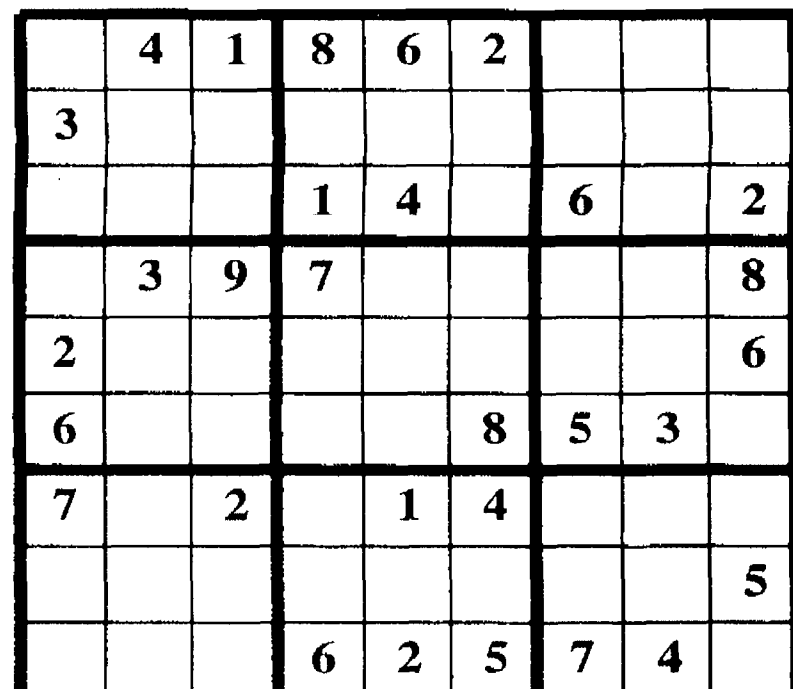
1. Arctic native
5. "... or ..."
9. "Halt!" to a salt
14. Hurting
15. Swindles
16. ___ Abzug, Women's Movement leader
17. Book of snapshots (2 wds)
20. Portuguese Mrs.
21. Senescence
22. "Look here!"
23. Brothers' keeper?
25. Language conversion
29. ___-relief
32. Con
33. "___ go!"
34. At attention
36. Corpulent
38. Crumb
39. Bristles
40. Colorless watery fluid of the blood
41. Caper
43. Links rental
44. Dusk, to Donne
45. Bacterial disease transmitted by infected meat or milk
48. Go downhill, maybe
49. Afflict
50. Buttonhole
53. Nonmetamorphosing salamander
57. National language of Malaysia (2 wds)
60. Be theatrical
61. Bookbinding leather
62. Ball of yarn
63. Halfhearted
64. Blows it
65. Conflicted

Down

1. Pool exercise
2. Advil target
3. Unit of loudness
4. Female soothsayer
5. Chinese appetizer (2 wds)
6. 100 kuros
7. Marienbad, for one
8. Clairvoyance, e.g. (acronym)
9. Source of mother-of-pearl
10. South African grassland
11. Goya's "Duchess of ___"
12. Wallop
13. Break
18. ___ and aahs
19. Bindie bearer
23. Draw close
24. Pigment made by boiling wood soot
25. Figure of speech
26. 100 kopecks
27. Association of Southeast Asian Nations (acronym)
28. God of the winds
29. Greek letters
30. Mites
31. Notations to ignore corrections
35. Remember
37. Embellished with a raised pattern
42. Loud electric horns
46. Pro ___
47. Animal with a mane
48. Cousin of a raccoon
50. Assist, in a way
51. Amounted (to)
52. Hack
53. Jewish month
54. Christiania, now
55. Ticket info, maybe
56. Bowling green
58. Anger
59. "___ any drop to drink?" Coleridge

SUDOKU

RULES: Fill all empty squares so that the numbers 1 to 9 appear once in each row, column and 3x3 box.



(PUZZLE #013 Hard, Difficulty Rating 0.66)
ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS



HOROSCOPES

Week of November 20, 2011



CAPRICORN
December 22-January 19

You are blessed in many ways this week, Capricorn. Show your gratitude with a little get-together for one and all. An addition changes everything.



ARIES
March 21-April 19

Wonders never cease, as friends you haven't seen in some time drop by for a visit. Welcome them with open arms, Aries, and make plans to do something fun.



CANCER
June 22-July 22

Heartache eases for a friend. Invite them out for a night on the town, Cancer. A tasty family feast fills tummies and puts everyone in good spirits.



LIBRA
September 23-October 22

Moments to yourself are few and far between these days. Don't let it get to you, Libra. Be happy you're so loved. A cherished memento gets a facelift.



AQUARIUS
January 20-February 18

Cheer up, Aquarius. Things could be worse, as you're about to learn with a friend. Life has not been kind to them, but you can be, and it will make you forget about your own problems.



TAURUS
April 20-May 20

This week is all about family, Taurus. Find some time to spend with each and every one, and make sure they know how much they mean to you.



LEO
July 23-August 22

Thanks comes in many forms this week from cards and gifts to gestures of kindness. A career opportunity arises. Jump on it, Leo. It may not come again.



SCORPIO
October 23-November 21

Pst, Scorpio. All is not well at home. Someone is feeling left out. Check your list and make sure everyone has something to do worthwhile.



PISCES
February 19-March 20

A financial investment proves worthwhile, and the dollars start pouring in. Be careful what you do with it, Pisces. A rainy day could be on the horizon.



GEMINI
May 21-June 21

Change is inevitable, Gemini, so roll with the punches and don't look back. Home improvement plans take shape. Make sure you do your homework.



VIRGO
August 23-September 22

Friends may say you are going off the deep end, but come on, Virgo, this is your time to shine. It's ok for you to go all out. Surprises come by the handful over the weekend.



SAGITTARIUS
November 22-December 21

Less whining and more thanking, Sagittarius. You are blessed beyond belief. Don't think so? Just take a look at some of the people around you.

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RECIPE OF THE WEEK



APPLE, CRANBERRY & PECAN STUFFING

Ingredients:

- 1-1/2 cups apple juice
- 2 Tbsp. butter or margarine
- 1 pkg. (6 oz.) stuffing mix for chicken

- 1 small apple, chopped
- 1/2 cup cranberries
- 1/4 cup chopped pecans, toasted

Directions:

BRING juice and butter to boil in medium saucepan on high heat.

ADD stuffing mix and fruit; mix lightly. Cover. Remove from heat.

LET stand 5 min. Stir in nuts.

Substitute

Prepare using dried cranberries.

Feeding a Crowd

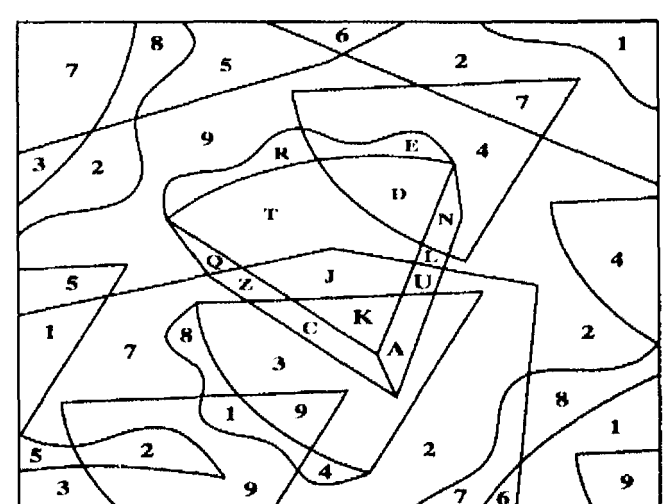
Prepare as directed, doubling all ingredients.

Prep Time: 15 min

Cook Time: 15 min

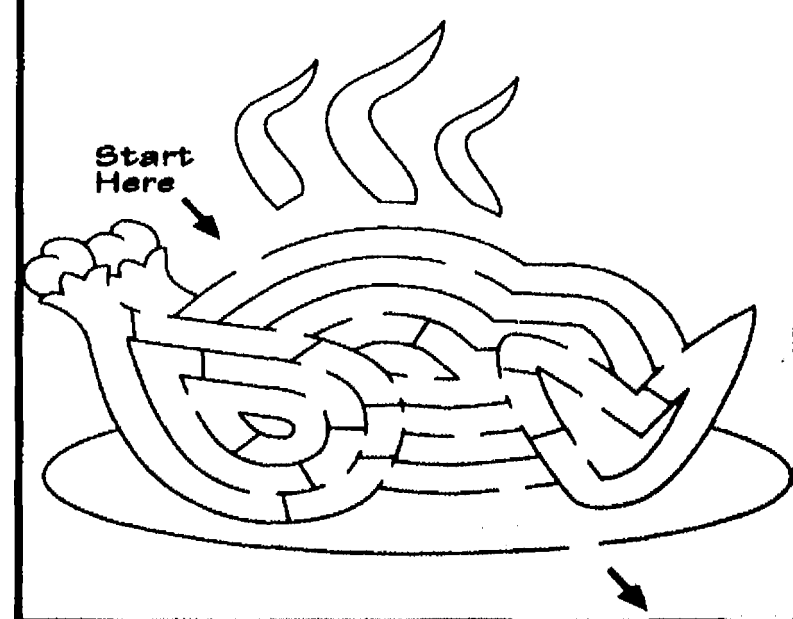
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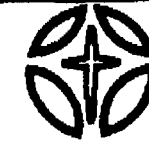
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Winter sports teams prepare for 2011-2012 seasons

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Tim Sanchez, who was the athletic director last year, said the league made the schedule change at the request of coaches; the switch allows coaches to have their program's teams together on some game nights while still keeping Friday nights dedicated to the varsity squads.

Last year, LMC game nights featured JV/JV or varsity/varsity.

The GHS girls basketball program will open its 2011-2012 season with nonconference battles vs. Roscommon on Wednesday, Nov. 30, at GHS. The JV match starts at 6 p.m. and the varsity game will follow. On Friday, Dec. 2, the Vikings will host Glen Lake (also nonconference) at 6 p.m. The teams' first league game night is slated for mid-December.

Rich Moffit returns as head coach of the varsity boys basketball team. Levi Burkett, a varsity assistant and middle school boys basketball coach last year, is the new coach of the JV squad. Chris Kucharek, longtime JV boys basketball coach, will lead the freshman squad this season.

The boys basketball program started its official practices last week. The boys' season starts one week later than the girls'

season in an effort to separate the postseason tournaments by one week.

The Vikings will start their 2011-2012 season with nonconference JV and varsity games at Roscommon at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 6. Grayling will play at Glen Lake on Friday, Dec. 9.

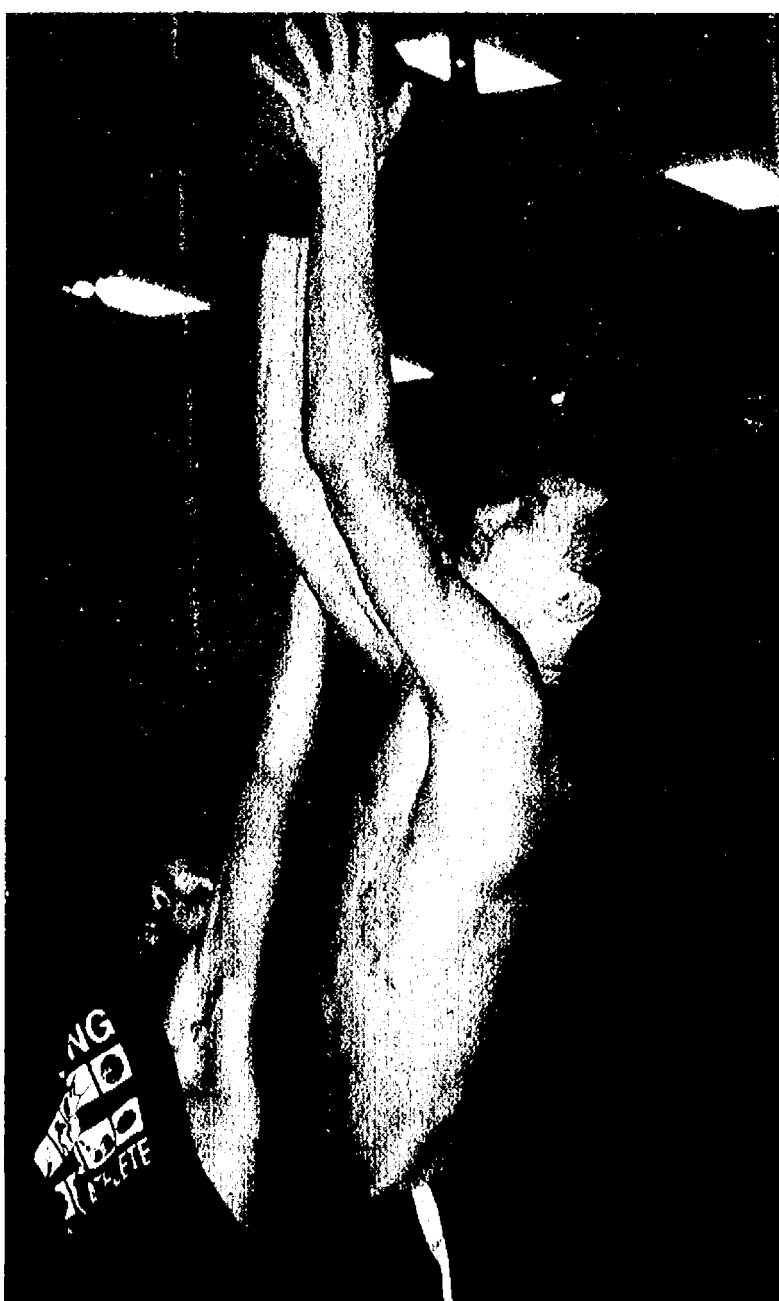
Most of the freshman boys basketball squad's home games will be held at Grayling Middle School. The team will play at Harbor Springs at 6 p.m. on Dec. 16 for its season opener. The squad will host Elk Rapids (at GMS) on Dec. 20.

The GHS wrestling team, which has a new coach this season — Andy Moore, started its official practices this week.

"Andy's a new coach. He's really excited about it. I think he'll do a great job. He's been really involved. It should be a good season for them," Tunney said.

The wrestling team's first scheduled meet is the Manton Invitational on Saturday, Dec. 10. The Vikings will host two league teams on Monday, Dec. 12, at 6 p.m.

The ski team's coach will be Tim Gariglio again this season. The squad's first meet is slated for Dec. 22. All of its other meets are scheduled for January.



Devon Dawson grabs a rebound during Friday's varsity boys basketball practice.